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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7483**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1413

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 19, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Rite Program Grants.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Heuer

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Glick

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the Education Roundtable, with approval by the State Board of Education, shall develop the Rewarding Innovation, Technology, and Excellence (RITE) program to provide grants rewarding schools that have exhibited improvement toward benchmarks established by the State Board of Education.

The bill provides that a school corporation that applies for a grant under the RITE program must demonstrate how the school corporation's: (1) innovation; (2) use of technology; or (3) other efforts to achieve excellence; have led to improvement in meeting the benchmarks.

The bill specifies that grants under the RITE program must be made from the Innovation Fund. It provides that the amounts necessary to make grants under the RITE program are appropriated from the Innovation Fund.

The bill provides that a school corporation receiving a grant under the RITE program must match the grant at a rate that is at least \$1 of local money for each \$1 granted to the school corporation. It limits to \$50,000 the total amount of all grants that may be made to a particular school corporation under the RITE program. The bill limits to \$1,000,000 the total amount of all grants that may be made to all school corporations under the RITE program for all state fiscal years.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill would allow the Education Roundtable, with the approval of the Department of Education (DOE) to make grants to reward schools that have made progress toward the

benchmarks. The grants are to be paid from the Innovation Fund established in the 2011 budget bill. The 2011 budget bill appropriated \$2.5 M annually to the Fund in FY 2012 and FY 2013. The current balance in the Fund is approximately \$3.2 M. The maximum amount of RITE program grants that may be made from the Fund is \$1 M for all fiscal years.

The maximum RITE program grant to a school corporation is \$50,000 for all fiscal years. A school corporation receiving a grant must match the grant dollar for dollar. The local match may include money from the school corporation, a public school foundation, a community foundation, or any other private source.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local Schools.

**Information Sources:**

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